



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Mark 6: 30-34

The Apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught.

He said to them,

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.

So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.

People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.

They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd,

his heart was moved with pity for them,

for they were like sheep without a shepherd;

and he began to teach them many things.

Our Scripture Reflection

The picture of our Lord in today's Gospel text reveals the depth of His love and compassion for hurting people. Jesus never stops caring for us and He wants us to care for others, especially those who are in need. Are you willing to assist Him by giving the love and compassion you possess to others?

Please remember: You do not need a PhD in Theology to do so, just a Christ-like Heart.

Food for your Journey

When you look at the great leaders of history, what were some of their characteristics? What was it which instilled such devotion in their followers. Oratory, perhaps. A powerful vision. A strategic mind. Determination.

Stogdills Handbook of Leadership lists traits associated with leadership effectiveness: judgment, decisiveness, knowledge, fluency of speech, adaptability, alertness, creativity, integrity, self-confidence and emotional maturity.

It is interesting that one of the things which powerfully attracted people to Jesus was not one of those qualities, but something which is rarely associated with leadership — compassion.

—Ian Hussey

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Fill my heart with the same love that motivated Your Son to give so much to others. By loving those who are hurting may they see Christ in me. Amen